



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: )

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FOR: MICROBLADE ARRAY )  
IMPACT APPLICATOR )

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 21, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Specie I, which is shown in Figures 1-4. Applicants submit that original Claims 1-22 read on the elected specie.

Applicants further requests that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.